Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 08 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 09 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 07 Feb 2023 at 15:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence throughout the forecast period.

Headline for Wednesday 08 Feb 2023: A very windy day, dry to start but rain or snow later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 08 Feb 2023

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sleet	Heavy snow	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	20%	80%	60%	60%

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Weather: High cloud extending across much of the area through the early hours, with low cloud developing during the morning. Further low cloud pushing in from the northwest late afternoon/evening, with rain following behind. This turning to snow above 400-600m by evening. Very strong winds through the majority of the day. The front clears later in the evening to leave clear spells and scattered blustery showers behind, falling as snow above 400m.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% at first, decreasing to 60% through the morning, 10% by late afternoon. Increasing to 60% in the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility to start but scattered low cloud with bases around 500-700m developing through the morning. Extensive low cloud across the area, leading to hill fog, arriving from the northwest from late afternoon, with moderate or poor visibility in rain or snow, potential for whiteout conditions in blizzards. Band of low cloud clearing later in the evening with scattered low cloud in association with showers later, visibility generally good but poor in snow showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	36/46 S	45/57 S	52/66 S	54/70 S	57/74 SW	61/80 SW	44/58 SW	34/46 SW	38/51 SW
900	26/34 S	31/42 S	37/51 SW	39/54 SW	41/57 SW	44/62 SW	29/42 SW	26/37 W	28/40 SW
600	32/41 S	40/51 S	44/57 SW	47/61 SW	48/63 SW	52/69 SW	27/40 SW	27/37 SW	28/41 SW
300	15/25 S	20/32 S	24/37 S	25/41 S	27/43 S	29/48 S	16/26 SW	14/24 SW	16/27 SW
Glen	11/25 S	16/33 S	19/37 S	18/38 S	22/42 S	23/46 S	14/29 W	11/25 SW	13/28 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-13	-4/-14	-3/-14	-2/-13	-2/-13	-3/-14	-4/-14	-6/-16	-6/-16
900	-1/-9	-1/-9	-0/-9	0/-8	0/-8	0/-9	-2/-10	-3/-12	-3/-12
600	2/-5	2/-6	2/-6	3/-5	3/-5	3/-6	0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8
300	4/-0	4/-1	4/-1	5/-0	5/-0	5/-1	2/-3	1/-4	1/-4
Glen	6/2	6/1	6/2	7/3	7/3	7/3	4/-0	4/-1	3/-1
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	800m	1000m	900m	900m	600m	400m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very strong winds, even to lower levels, making walking conditions difficult.

Forecast for Thursday 09 Feb 2023
Weather: Scattered blustery showers overnight and through Thursday morning, falling as snow above 400-600m, rising above 800m later. Showers easing off during the afternoon and becoming mainly dry into the evening.

Maximum wind: Westerly 25 mph gusting 40 mph, easing through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% at first, rising to 80% during the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud in association with showers with poor visibility at times. Good outside of showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 to plus 7 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 400-600m rising to 800m during the afternoon and 1000m later in the evening.

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